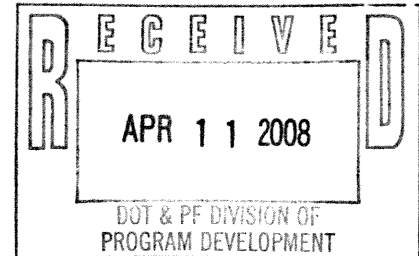


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REF: Comments of the Hyder Board of Trade, Inc.

The Hyder Board of Trade Inc. welcomes this opportunity to comment on the Draft and Final 2006-2009 STIP, Draft Amendment 17.

### Ref: Project ID 17341 Causeway Replacement and Trestle Replacement

The position of our HBoT membership is to fully support the project as presented in STIP Amendment #17 in all aspects of design concept and construction schedule. Several comments we feel are essential to make in our support of the ASDOT effort include:

1. Construction of this project to the ASHTO specification is essential to the future demands that will be placed of the facility specifically heavy cargo.
2. Completion of this project will lead to associated waterfront activity in the benefit of good community development.
3. Our membership strongly supports the environmental position and safeguards ASDOT on this project.
4. We have asked our John Pearson, HBoT Administrator/Planner (789-1402) to make his time available to ASDOT where he can on the various aspects of this project.

### Ref: Project ID 12560 Salmon River Road Rehabilitation

The position of the HBoT on the above named project in Draft Amendment 17 is one of total support for both the project concept and schedule. Several specific comments include:

1. We trust the new road surface on International Avenue will directly join the road surface from Stewart without interruption or a break.

2. As with the causeway project, we have asked John Pearson (789-1402) to make himself available to your office on any issues related to the historic business district of Hyder (International Ave. and Premier) where our HBoT membership has a very direct interest. Specifically in consideration of a future boardwalk, historic signage and traffic speeds.

On behalf of the HBoT pro-community development membership, I want to express our appreciation for the efforts that have been made on these two important projects to the future of the community.

If there are any questions or the need for our assistance, please contact Mr. Pearson directly.



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